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## REMARKS

The Restriction Requirement dated January 5, 2007 asserted that the application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species of methods or systems of using 3 electrodes to determine how to select and deliver stimulation:

Embodiment 1: 2 chambers, same cycle (claims 11-21, 41-49);

Embodiment 2: 2 chambers, different cycle (claims 22-32 and 50-58);

Embodiment 3: same chamber, different cycle (claims 59-72); and

Embodiment 4: same chamber, same cycle (claims 73-86).

(See Restriction Requirement at 2.)

In response, Applicant elects, without traverse, to immediately prosecute Embodiment 1, identified in the Restriction Requirement as claims 11-21 and 41-49. There being no generic claim, Applicant cancels, without prejudice or disclaimer, the claims to Embodiments 2-4, that is, claims 22-32, 50-58, 59-72, and 73-86. Applicant respectfully reserves the right to prosecute some or all of such cancelled claims 22-32, 50-58, 59-72, and 73-86 in one or more divisional applications at a later date. Applicant is adding new linking claims 87-91, which Applicant respectfully submits are drawn to the elected Embodiment 1. Accordingly, claims 11-21, 41-49 and 87-91 are now pending in this patent application.

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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## **CONCLUSION**

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance, and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney at (612) 373-6951 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

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